

Data Services in the DSSC¹

Increasing Our Depth and Breadth

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- PhD in Political Science
 - Specialized in international political economy
 - Developed expertise in data analysis
- Joined CUL in October 2012

- Electronic Data Service (EDS)
 - Established in the mid-1990s
 - Partnership between ACIS & Libraries
 - Hardware update in 2006 established high-end workstation model
- Digital Social Science Center (DSSC)
 - Evolution of EDS
 - Staff specialists
 - New spaces and complete hardware update, increasing the number of high-end workstations
 - Currently operating two service points in Lehman Library
 - Data Service
 - DSSC Reference

- Components of Data Service
 - Discovery & Collection Development
 - Using Data
 - Analysis & Interpretation
- Development of Data Service in DSSC
 - Responsive to users' needs
 - Responsive to changing technology

- Expanding Services in the DSSC
 - Developing support for numerical data analysis and interpretation
 - Improving data literacy for our users and staff
- Expanding Services beyond the DSSC
 - Beyond Lehman
 - Beyond Social Sciences
 - Beyond CUL

- New Service: Text Analysis Support
 - Providing the software (NVivo)
 - Providing the hardware (workstations & scanners)
 - Providing the guidance
- NVivo User Guide
 - Online guide
 - Project of DSSC Intern Alyssa Nasca
 - The Guide!

Challenges and Opportunities

- Challenges
 - Maintaining updated technology
 - Tracking data sources/providers
- Opportunities
 - Leveraging new technologies
 - Collaboration within and outside the CUL community

Thanks!

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Questions?